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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## LOCAL | TRANSPORTATION

# Mattoon depot receives funding

State pledges more than \$900,000 for renovations

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**  
City Editor

After 90 years as a staple for the Coles County community, the Mattoon Depot will finally begin its long-awaited restoration.

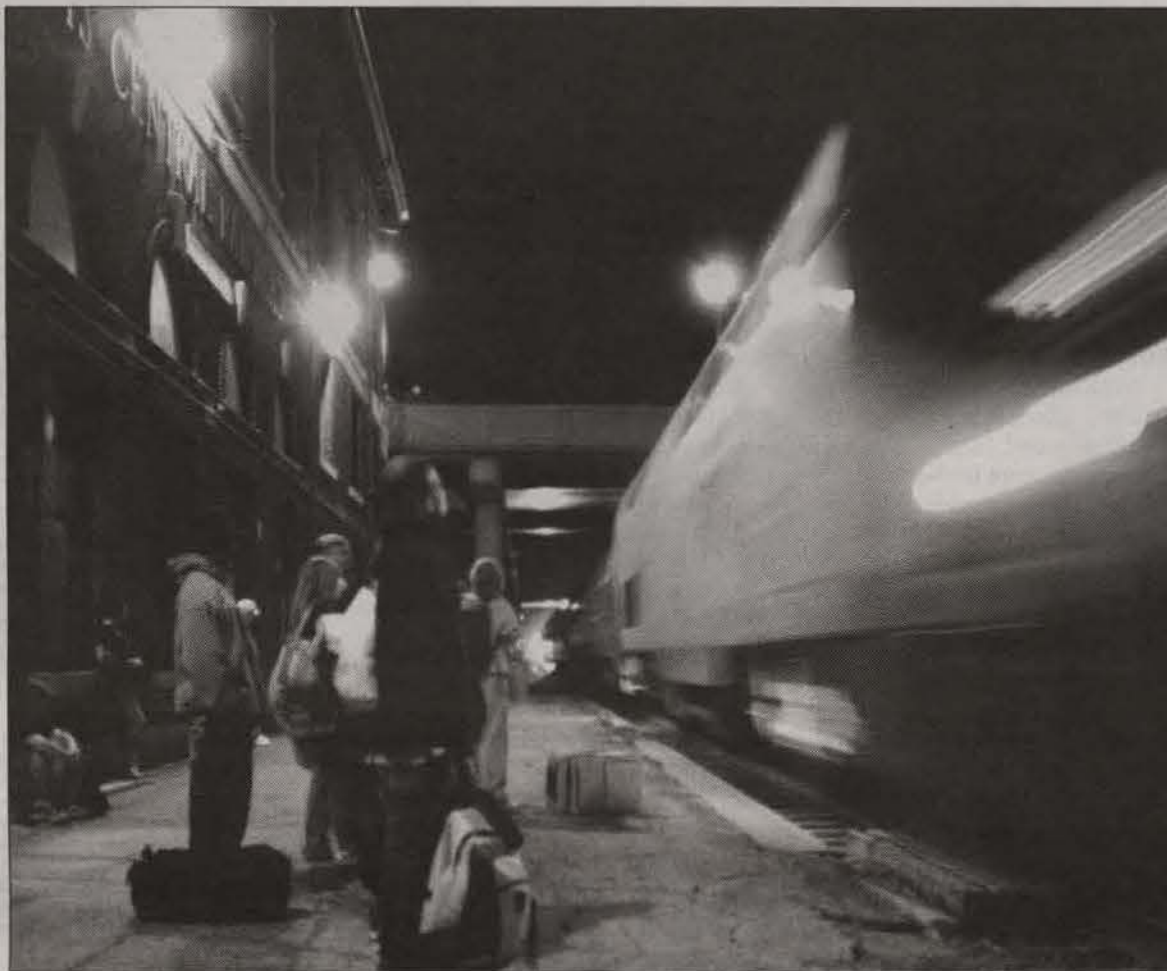
Last week, U.S. Rep. Timothy Johnson, R-Urbana, announced the release of a federal grant of \$973,372 to support the project.

"Finally we can live up to the promise we made to Mattoon three years ago," Johnson said. "It is a project that greatly deserved the attention of the federal government."

Initially, the city only intended to be awarded just under \$500,000 to help aid the next phase of the restoration.

The phase includes the reworking of the depot's electrical system and installing an elevator to adhere to state handicap laws and aid the Amtrak passengers in the three-floor train depot and lobby.

The Coles County Historical Society was astonished to hear the grant would serve almost double the initial amount.



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Passengers wait as an Amtrak train to Chicago stops at the Mattoon Depot Sunday evening. The Mattoon Depot will be renovated for the first time in 90 years with a federal grant of more than \$900,000.

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## LOCAL |

## TRANSPORTATION

# Web site gives students a lift

Effingham woman heads page to aid "outdated" student transport program

By **BRITTNI GARCIA**  
Campus Editor

Jaime Sullivan, who commutes from Effingham, believes the driver's board in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union is not helpful for commuter students.

"The drivers and riders board in the union is arcane and outdated," Sullivan said. "It is geared more towards students sharing trips, not a daily commute."

Sullivan said Lake Land College has a specific link for commuters on their homepage and Eastern does not provide such service online.

Because she has realized some people do not want to drive every day independently and would rather share gas money and mileage with others, she has made her own Web site where people can post information about needing a ride or giving a ride to surrounding people going to class.

"I've never had a problem getting to and from school, but if given the choice, I would rather not put 100 miles on my cars every day and spend \$3 to \$4 per gallon in gas," Sullivan said.

She also believes sharing fuel expenses with another person for her 97-mile round-trip would benefit both parties.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said the purpose of the driver's board in the union is to help students coordinate local and regional transportation needs.

"Individuals are responsible for getting to school," Nadler said. "The role of the university is to provide support."

William Hine, dean of the School of Continuing Education, said many of the school's off-campus students are looking for assistance with carpooling and ride sharing because of increases in the cost of gas.

"OASIS, our on-campus adult/commuter student support group, is interested in this issue as there are approximately 2,400 adult students taking classes at EIU this fall," he said.

Hine added there is a discussion board that is allowed to be used by School of Continuing Education students on a daily basis.

However, some students say that discussion board is used occasionally for ride usage.

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## FINAL PIECES



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

John Adduci and Michele Goldstrom, assistants to Ruth Duckworth, talk about the finishing touches they have to do before placing Duckworth's piece "Attendant Spirit" Thursday afternoon outside Doudna Fine Art Center.

## CAMPUS | CLUBS

# Criminal justice students tour Greenville prison

Visit provides inside look at the living habits, conditions for federal inmates

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**  
Administration Reporter

On Friday morning, five members of Eastern's Criminal Justice Students Club went to prison.

The CJS members, together with faculty sponsor Reed Benedict, toured the Federal Correctional Institution in Greenville.

Greenville's FCI houses both a medium-security men's prison and a minimum-security women's prison, according to its Web site.

The tour helps students understand how prisoners live, said club president Steven Dalechek.

"They can see first-hand what it is like being an inmate," Dalechek said. "(The tour) helps many of the members to learn first-hand what type of environment the prisoners are really living (in), rather than having their opinion (biased) by television."

That environment includes room for education, work and recreation, he added.

"We saw the activities they did: from working at the factory inside the prison, making uniforms for the U.S. Army, to taking classes to

**"(The tour) helps many of the members to learn first-hand what type of environment the prisoners are really living (in)..."**

**— Steven Dalechek, Criminal Justice Students Club president**

receive their GED," Dalechek said. "The inmates also had a wood shop area where they made kitchen and bathroom cabinets, for Habitat for Humanity in the St. Louis region."

The tour also took the Eastern students around the prison's exterior, and through the inmates' recreation area and art room.

The trip to Greenville also helped students understand efforts to prevent repeat offenses by inmates, Dalechek said.

"It also helps many students understand how corrections are taking individuals out of society and transforming them into better citizens by establishing programs to help them cope with the world once they are released," he said.

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## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## McCain returning to Letterman's show

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Letterman and Sen. John McCain will get a chance to make up.

The Republican presidential candidate is scheduled to appear on Letterman's "Late Show" on Thursday.

It will be McCain's 13th visit to the CBS program but his first since he angered Letterman by canceling last month.

Letterman was unhappy when McCain sat for an interview with Katie Couric instead of him on Sept. 24.

At the time he said he first felt like a "patriot" to let McCain off his commitment to deal with the economy but "now I'm feeling like an ugly date."

A McCain spokeswoman said at the time that because of the economic crisis, the campaign "felt this wasn't a night for comedy."

## Presley gives birth to twins

LOS ANGELES — Lisa Marie Presley is a mom again.

A publicist says the 40-year-old singer gave birth Tuesday to twin girls, whose names were not released. One baby weighed 5 pounds, 15

ounces and the other came in at 5 pounds and 2 ounces.

A statement released Saturday says Presley gave birth by Caesarean section.

She lives in the Los Angeles area and the publicist says the births took place somewhere on the West Coast but won't provide details.

The statement says "babies and mom are happy and healthy and resting at home."

Presley is the daughter of Elvis Presley and is married to music producer Michael Lockwood.

She has a 19-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old son by a previous marriage.

## Hagman excited about 30th 'Dallas' reunion

PARKER, Texas — Larry Hagman was reluctant to be on a new TV show called "Dallas" when he first read the script in the late 1970s, figuring there wouldn't be any money in it.

But his wife persuaded him to give the role of conniving oil baron and cattle rancher J.R. Ewing a shot, saying they could "renegotiate" and that the job might pay off.

"People are crazy," Hagman said Thursday. "I guess it's a TV show people identify with."

On Nov. 8, J.R., Bobby, Sue Ellen and other Ewing kin will mark the anniversary with a reunion and barbecue at Southfork Ranch. Viewed panoramically in the show's introduction, the ranch is in the Dallas suburb of Parker, about 25 miles north of the flashy downtown skyscrapers also featured in the opening scenes.

Along with the barbecue, there will be country music, dancing, fireworks and a laser light show.

## 'Chihuahua' is top film for second weekend in a row

LOS ANGELES — An adorable talking dog remained just the sort of escapist movie hero audiences wanted after a week of awful economic news.

Disney's family comedy "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," was the No. 1 flick for the second-straight weekend with \$17.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The weekend's No. 2 flick — the fright film "Quarantine," which debuted with \$14.2 million.

The marquee trio of Leonardo DiCaprio, Russell Crowe and director Ridley Scott had to settle for third place with their terrorism thriller "Body of Lies," which had a \$13.1 million debut.

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Preparing to sing



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Music Director Richard Rossi practices a song with the Eastern Choral Ensemble Thursday afternoon for the concert "Cathedrals, Castles and Colonies" in the Dvorak Concert Hall in Doudna Fine Arts Center.

## WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

## Fake realtor rented out unknowing owner's home

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Long Island, N.Y., family thought they got a good deal when they found a rental house for \$1,000 a month — until the owner showed up and asked what they were doing there.

Nassau County police arrested Gregory Garvin on Wednesday for posing as a real estate agent and renting out the house in the hamlet of Roosevelt.

Garvin was charged with grand larceny and fraud.

Police say Garvin also collected a \$1,000 security deposit from the couple.

The family was living in the house about two weeks when the real owner showed up.

Police say the house had been vacant and the real owner had planned to sell it.

The District Attorney's office says the name of Garvin's attorney is not yet on record.

## Legislators pick 'Moby-Dick' as Massachusetts 'epic novel'

BOSTON — The question of whether to choose an official book for the state of Massachusetts made for a whale of a debate. The state House of Representatives on Thursday passed a bill naming "Moby-Dick" the state's official "epic novel."

That was a compromise after some lawmakers questioned Rep. Christopher Speranzo's proposal to dub Herman Melville's 1851 classic the "official book," given the state's rich literary history.

"It really did open a lively discussion," Speranzo said.

Rep. Cory Atkins said she was "appalled" and contended her district in Concord has "more authors per square mile than any other."

"What about Louisa May Alcott? What about (Nathaniel) Hawthorne? How am I going to face my constituents?" she said.

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**Tuesday, Nov 18, 2008 6-6:50 p.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall**  
**Wednesday, Dec 3, 2008 5-5:50 p.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall**

## Registration is not required

The next opportunity to initiate the selection process and apply for University Admission to Teacher Education will be during the Spring 2009 Semester.

Dr. Douglas J. Bower, Associate Dean  
College of Education and Professional Studies

## ARE YOU PLANNING TO STUDENT TEACH IN FALL 2009 or SPRING 2010?

Those students who think they might student teach during Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 Semester must one of the students teaching meetings listed below. The meeting will explain the policies and procedures for student teaching. Application to student teach in Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 must be submitted to the Student Teaching Office by December 2, 2008.

**Mon, Oct 20, 2008 7-7:50 p.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall**  
**Wed, Nov 12, 2008 4-4:50 p.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall**

Dr. Patricia Poulter, Chair  
Student Teaching Office

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CAMPUS | RECYCLING



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of a group that have been saving empty cans in hopes to buy a keg before Homecoming next weekend stand with a gallon jug filled with can tabs from the six weeks of cans they have saved.

# Reason to recycle beer cans

Students collect cans all over campus with keg, party in mind

By TRAVIS McDONALD  
Staff Reporter

A few Eastern students are going green to earn green.

A group of students are trying to recycle enough cans before Homecoming so they can throw a party for themselves and buy a keg.

The idea seems like something from the movie "Animal House," but there is more behind their reasoning.

They are also saving the can tabs to donate to the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

They almost have a gallon.

**"Other than the drinking, I'm glad we did this. It brought us closer together as friends and gave me a chance to meet some of the guys I call my friends today."**

— Travis Merrell,  
athletic training major

"Other than the drinking, I'm glad we did this," said Travis Merrell, an athletic training major. "It brought us closer together as friends and gave me a chance to meet some of the guys I call my friends today."

It did not, however, start off as a recycling project, but as a guy's version of arts and crafts or interior

decorating.

Merrell wanted to cover their Second Street apartment with the boxes of beer cases they purchased and finished.

Every Monday, before the football game, they would cut the boxes up and start placing parts of the boxes up on the wall as if it were wall-

paper.

This idea has led to the recycling of cans to purchase a keg.

Mike Saviano of the same apartment complex caught wind of this project and has been doing all he can to help provide cans.

"I wouldn't even recycle if it wasn't for this project we have going on," said Saviano, also an athletic training major.

The eight students in the apartment complex have finished around 100 cases in six weeks.

They may seem to just be partying, but they are doing so much more.

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CAMPUS | HEALTH

# HERC shows eating veggies can be easy

Series of classes focus on health education, making healthy food decisions

By KARA KIRKPATRICK  
Staff Reporter

The Health Education Resource Center wants everyone to know that eating five veggies a day can actually be easy.

"Healthy Cooking 101: Five Veggies a Day Can Be Easy" class will take place at 5 tonight in Room 2309 of Klehm Hall.

The HERC staff has been putting on a series of classes focusing on providing health education on campus with the emphasis on making

healthy food choices.

Sarah Allen, the nutrition education coordinator for HERC, said each class put on by the program includes a short presentation about the topic being focused on that night, as well as an opportunity to have a hands-on experience with the foods.

"The classes are especially beneficial for students to attend because so many students do not have experience creating foods from scratch," Allen said.

The class today is not just for people who have been cooking for years. "The atmosphere is laid back and everyone is there to learn and have fun, so there is no pressure to be a great chef," Allen said.

Allen said another part of the class would focus on preparing tra-

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— Sarah Allen,  
HERC nutrition education coordinator

ditionally unhealthy foods by using healthier methods.

The classes are strictly independent and do not require individuals to come to every lesson, she added.

The HERC has put on similar events earlier in the semester including a class that discussed microwave cooking. Their Healthy Cooking 101 Club has had a successful turnout, Allen said.

"Everyone in the first class this

semester learned something they did not know before that night," Allen said.

It is not all about being the best chef and anyone can do it, Allen said.

"I am not a great cook myself, so if I can prepare these foods, anyone can," she said.

Kara Kirkpatrick can be reached at kekirkpatrick@eiu.edu.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Homecoming Coronation today

The crowning of the Homecoming Court is today as the king, queen, prince and princess are named to start Homecoming Week.

First king runner-up and first queen runner-up will also be announced.

Coronation starts at 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

### Fundraiser at Monical's today

The EIU Society for Human Resource Management is hosting a fundraiser today at Monical's, 909 18th St. in Charleston and 815 Broadway Ave. in Mattoon.

Participants in the fundraiser need to visit monicals.com and print off a flier under the community day calendar link and present it while at the restaurant. Monical's will then donate 20 percent of the bill to the organization.

### Carol Specht Memorial Award applications

Applications for the Carol Specht Memorial Award must be turned in by 5 p.m. Oct. 31, at the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity, Room 1011 of Old Main.

The Carol Specht Memorial Award is given to an undergraduate female student who is the single parent of at least one child living in her home.

The donors stipulate that the recipient must be majoring in a helping discipline.

The applicant's financial need, academic record and participation in community service activities are also considered.

Application forms are available in the Civil Rights Office and online.

### Prospective students visit Eastern today

Prospective students will get a first-hand look at Eastern today during an open house.

The open house provides prospective students to meet faculty and student service personnel, hear from financial aid officers and tour the campus.

Parking will be available to visitors in any student or staff lot, as the university will not issue any parking tickets.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Matt Hopf

## BLOTTER

A jacket was reported stolen on Tuesday from Taylor Hall, said the University Police Department.

A maroon Volvo was reported damaged on Wednesday while parked in a parking lot near Pemberton Hall, police said.

### COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS, OR EVENTS

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## Letters to the Editor

## STUDENT SENATE CHALLENGE

Student Senate is a branch of Student Government here at Eastern. Senators are elected by the student body in order to serve the best interests of the students and to be their voice. It is the goal of the senate to strive for service toward the student body.

Recently, a bylaw was submitted requiring senators to perform four office hours of service per week, instead of the two office hours previously required. What is most disheartening is that a significant number of senators were entirely against the change.

I now have a question for the student body: How much work from the senate would you find appropriate?

Senators take an oath at the beginning of their term. They take an oath of service to the student body. How much service can be given? How can service be quantified?

I have a challenge for the student body. If you think that the senate is already doing all that it can, already serving you as much as it can, then please disregard my challenge. However, if you feel that there is much more we as senators can do, then I challenge you to come to our meeting Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and express your concerns with the disgruntled senators.

Isaac S. Sandidge  
Speaker of the Senate

## CARTOONISTS NEEDED

The Daily Eastern News has a Wednesday spot open for anyone in the Eastern community to submit a weekly or bi-weekly cartoon. For more information contact Rick Kambic, the Opinions Editor, at 581-7942.

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## Drawn to Amuse | Ian Winston



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Pep rally to lack emcee

This year's Homecoming will be a little different. But don't worry; we'll still have classics like the parade, the 2.5k race/walk, tailgating and the pep rally. But the Fall 2008 Homecoming pep rally isn't scheduled to be anything too special because no celebrity emcee was chosen in time for the Oct. 17 event.

We understand that last year's Efrén Ramirez, or Pedro from "Napoleon Dynamite," wasn't nearly as popular as the previous year's Dennis Haskins, or "Saved by the Bell's" Mr. Belding. But we don't even have anyone this year to compare to Ramirez or Haskins. The big Homecoming pep rally will follow a more traditional route this year because of a slim University Board budget and a lack of preparation.

The Homecoming Web site says, "The Pep Rally consists of a general assembly designed to promote and display school spirit and pride during Homecoming Week. Hosted by a celebrity Master/Mistress Ceremonies, a wide range of cheers/chants, dances, skits and giveaways highlight the night."

Homecoming chair-elect Melissa Anderson said Ramirez was not up to par last year.

"I think learning from that, we need to research and step it up," she said.

With the disappointment of Ramirez's appearance from last year, we understand that UB has reason to be a little more selective this year. But having no emcee at all?

Some good does come from not having an

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** The University Board was unable to get a celebrity emcee for this year's Homecoming pep rally.

• **Stance:** After a less than pleasing performance from Efrén Ramirez last year, maybe Eastern could use a simple dose of school spirit.

emcee, at least. This year's Homecoming attendees can expect bigger prizes since no money was spent on hiring a celebrity.

Plus, the Jesse White Tumblers are scheduled to perform – a step cons above a minor character from a movie produced four years ago entertaining a crowd with a harmonica.

We hope UB's crack at a more traditional Homecoming pep rally is at least more successful than last year. Although more people would probably attend if a celebrity name was tagged to the ceremony, UB is doing what they think is best for the student body by at least pouring the leftover money into the prizes and giveaways.

It's been a long time since we've had a Homecoming pep rally that focused mainly on school spirit and not a celebrity emcee. One could only hope the change is well received by the student body.

Preparation for hiring a celebrity emcee should have been better organized; but maybe we needed a break at this year's Homecoming pep rally after last year's dynamite let down. But still, this also means next year better feature someone good.

## Library hours won't change

The library hours will not be extended. It's an arguable point, but the Student Senate will most likely fall short yet again in another attempt to push the issue.

A proposal to look into extending library hours was put on hold at Wednesday's senate meeting, but it will be re-worded for this week's meeting. The new proposal, if approved, would allow the academic affairs committee to research via e-mail polls the need to change library hours during the week from 8 a.m. to 7 a.m. and extending Friday afternoon hours.

"We are changing the resolution to research and look more into it," said Chris Kromphardt, chair of the academic affairs committee. "I want to wait to get senate approval and if it goes any further than that, I would contact Faculty Senate and the library advisory board."

This is ridiculous. The change to library hours is not going to happen because the senate is not changing its approach or considering the multitude of other possible study locations to promote studying in, such as the Greg Triad Computer Lab, the Cyber Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Charleston's Carnegie Public library, various department open computer labs or even the study lounges in each and every residence hall.

Simply claiming that more students want to use the library and are discouraged to use it at all on Fridays and Saturdays is not an adequate argu-

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** The Student Senate is again researching options for extending library hours.

• **Stance:** The senate failed in 2006 to get more library hours and nothing has changed since.

ment. If the senate wants to effectively produce a stronger argument for extending library hours, it must create or use current definitions for proper study environments and invaluable library-exclusive resources. The senate must then propose ways to promote the extended hours to ensure utilization of the new availabilities, but no such actions are being considered thus far.

Besides, Eastern's library hours are already sufficient. It is open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 1 a.m. on Sundays. It is open 93 hours a week during most days during the academic school year.

The addition of extra staff, and paying for the use of the library would not be needed. Plus many resources including archives and e-resources are available online and could be accessed from residence halls, off campus housing or computer labs on campus that are already open.

And compared to the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, which is only open about 88 hours a week, and Southeast Missouri State University, which is only open about 87 hours a week – Eastern offers pretty good availability.



MATTHEW CASNER

Rethinking  
secession

Ever since the country, at large, knew that Governor Sarah Palin's husband, Todd, was a member of the Alaskan Independence Party as recently as 2002, pundits on the left have used the association to slam the Palins as un-American, disloyal to their country or even treasonous. The AIP, a conservative and libertarian organization, advocates the total secession of Alaska from the United States as a new, independent nation – and the fact that Palin appears to be so closely connected with such a movement has given the Barack Obama campaign an easy method of throwing her frequent accusations of "palling around with terrorists" back in her face. It takes one to know one, right?

Now, let me state very clearly that, as I previously opined in these pages, Palin is easily the least qualified person to ever seek the office of vice president in the history of our country. In the unlikely event that she and John McCain actually win this election, her possible ascension to the presidency would make George W. Bush look like Abraham Lincoln.

But in at least one respect, I have to break here with the typical liberal talking points regarding the AIP: Can it really be compared to domestic terrorism merely for a state to consider secession?

I don't think so at all.

When the people of Kosovo voted democratically to declare their independence from Serbia earlier this year, every Western nation, including the United States, was quick to recognize their right to do so. That is because, in a republic, sovereignty rests with the people, not with the government. Indeed, the principle of rule by consent is the very basis of our system of government. If the people should decide, through their duly elected legislature, not to recognize a given authority, what right would it have to force itself upon them? Could such an action ever be reconciled with the principles of democracy?

The AIP is not the only secessionist political party active in the United States. There is also the Partido Independentista Puertorriqueño of Puerto Rico, and the Aloha Aina Party of Hawaii. These are not terrorist cells, but official, legally recognized political parties, often holding a number of seats on the legislatures of their respective states or territories. Although membership has declined in recent years, the AIP has been more successful than most – in 1990, Alaskans elected an AIP candidate, Wally Hickel, to the governorship.

And why shouldn't they? I can see nothing treasonous about such a position. It seems to be a question of mere pragmatism – if the people of Alaska feel they would be better off as an independent nation, they should be free to become one. And by the way, I actually think they are right. Certainly, in the event that McCain wins this election, I would rather my own state secede from the Union than suffer another four years of mismanagement at the hands of the same people who gave us the last eight.

So let's have a little honesty in this debate. There is nothing treasonous about an independence movement. If the history of our country is to be interpreted in the traditional American manner, it is the very definition of patriotism.

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## » Depot

FROM PAGE 1

"We are thrilled that the process so long in the making can finally begin," said Jerry Groniger, historical society vice president. "The way things fell into place is much better than expected."

Interest formed around the depot in 2001, when the historical society began Project Depot, a renovation plan that focused solely on the Illinois Central Railroad Depot in Mattoon.

The plan involves several phases, the first of which was completed in 2002 with the reconstruction of the depot's roof.

Planning for federal aid to help the restoration began about three years ago when over \$2 million became available in federal grants through national transportation legislation.

Since then, the Mattoon Depot and city officials have grappled with the long and difficult application process.

The historical society emphasized the hazards to public safety that the almost-century-old building's interior and exterior has the potential to bring.

The application also stressed the importance of the depot as the heart of Mattoon's uptown redevelopment, aiding the business districts renovations in heart and community wholeness.

This was in addition to the depot's historical potential as a museum and in railway advancement through the addition of high-speed rail lines.

The station and depot, completed in 1918, still serves as a working Amtrak passenger station.

The depot was also placed on the National Registrar of Historical Places in 2002.

Ridership from the station has grown in the last year, with ticket sales increasing by 68 percent in 2007 alone.

It serves roughly 30,000 passengers and takes in six Amtrak passenger trains a day.

"Ridership has doubled in Mattoon, and will continue to grow,"

**"Mattoon owes its existence to the railway system. I hope we can continue to support its advances."**

— Jerry Groniger, historical society vice president

said Jackie Record, a head of the "Project Depot Committee. "Donors expect their money to be put to good use."

The depot in its final analysis was estimated to cost \$130,000 at the day of its debut.

Now, almost half a million dollars is intended for the renovation of the electrical phase of the building, a sum that does not include the subsequent three phases.

The project still includes phases three, four and five.

Phase three focuses on the rehabilitation of the exterior fixtures of the depot.

Windows and tuck points in the brick masonry will be refurbished to update both insulation issues and aesthetics on the building's façade.

Phase four includes gutting the interior, with full rework on the ceilings, floors and woodwork.

Phase five, the final phase, is the ultimate goal for the historical society.

"In phase five, we hope to develop a museum about the history of Coles County," Record said. "It will see Coles County through the eyes of the railway, which is a significant part of the county's history."

The announcement of the grant followed the House's passage of the Amtrak reauthorization bill, which would allow Amtrak to improve safety and grow to include high-speed rail lines.

The passing of the bill shows the immense pressure on Congress to support more public transporta-

## THE NEW OLD DEPOT

Renovations to the Mattoon train depot will include:

- Reconstruction of depot roof
- Three-story elevator to aid handicapped passengers
- Touch-up of exterior fixtures, including windows and masonry
- Rework of interior ceilings, floors and woodwork
- Museum about the history of Coles County

tion throughout the nation, Johnson said.

The Illinois Central Railroad line has been eyed as the future site of a high-speed rail line.

The historical society hopes the renovation of the depot will help stimulate the growth of Mattoon and the rail system.

"Mattoon owes its existence to the railway system," Groniger said. "I hope we can continue to support its advances."

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## » Commuters

FROM PAGE 1

Suzanne Drake, a non-traditional student, said she uses the discussion board offered by the School of Continuing Education, but rarely uses it for rides.

"I would definitely take the (new) Web site into consideration," Drake said. "I will check it out in case of emergencies."

Drake, who lives in Charleston with her spouse, said she is glad Eastern offers the Panther Bus Service to get around.

However, she may need a ride somewhere where the bus does not stop.

Janice Crane, a student commuter eight miles north of Martinsville, said she has never seen a board that assists commuters.

She said she is interested in the Web site Sullivan has created because it might help others.

"While I may not need transportation, someone in my traveling path, maybe even a bit off my traveling path, might need transportation," Crane said.

Sullivan said there are a few student organizations available through WebCT that have message

boards where people can provide rideshare information, but the message boards are not available to the general student body.

One of those organizations is Non-Traditional Students.

"It's important to note that EIU does not require freshmen who live within a 50-mile radius to live on campus, but by default these students don't have access and can't be represented by (Non-Traditional Students)," Sullivan said.

By having this Web site, students are given an opportunity to offer and share rides, she added.

"In addition to this basic function, it gives students who are not a traditional part of the EIU campus an opportunity to find other members of their community who are also commuters," Sullivan said.

She said it is impractical to have a student group that meets on campus because of conflicting schedules and an online board would be the best place for everyone to communicate.

The Web site has been up for approximately two weeks and is organized by county.

Because this is new to Sullivan, she may have missed smaller counties and encourages people to notify her immediately if so.

The Web site is user-friendly

## MORE ONLINE

For more information, contact Jaime Sullivan at [jaimemsullivan@gmail.com](mailto:jaimemsullivan@gmail.com).

Her commuter Web site is <http://eiucommuters.proboards.com>.

and allows anyone to post information such as schedules or any other information that would be helpful to other commuters, she said.

People do not have to join any kind of membership to post.

They can simply sign in as a guest, if desired.

"The only potential difficulty is figuring out the security codes that prevent board spamming, but every public message board has these," Sullivan said.

Sullivan has tried to contact some people, but because she is unaware of the appropriate contact person she has not gotten a hold of any administrator.

"Since EIU isn't traditionally a commuter campus, I, like others, did not know whom to contact," Sullivan said.

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## STATE I ROUNDUP

## Family says soldier loved being in the Army

The Associated Press

HIGHLAND — Hundreds of mourners have remembered a fallen southern Illinois soldier as someone who "could turn sorrow into laughter."

At services Saturday in Highland, friends and family said 33-year-old Sergeant First Class Gary Vasquez loved being in the Army — and making others laugh.

He was killed Sept. 29 when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. He was on his third tour in Afghanistan as a Green Beret with the U.S. Special Forces.

Barry DuHasek said his brother "could turn sorrow into laughter," even when life was hard.

Vasquez is survived by his wife, Sarah; his mother, Margaret DuHasek, of Highland; his brother, Barry DuHasek, of Highland; and his sister, Keely Vasquez of Chicago.

## Chicago toddler is killed by falling TV

CHICAGO — A 2-year-old Chicago girl has died from head injuries after a television fell on top of her. The Cook County Medical Examiner's office says Delores Martinez died Saturday afternoon at Children's Memorial Hospital. She had suffered head trauma. Officers arrived at her North Side home about 1:30 p.m. and found her unresponsive. The medical examiner's office has ruled that the incident was an accident.

## Two teens shot on Chicago's South Side

CHICAGO — Chicago police say one teenager was killed and another was severely wounded in a shooting on the city's South Side.

Officers said the shooting occurred around 8:45 p.m. Saturday as the two teens were standing along the sidewalk when a man walked up and began firing at them with a handgun.

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## STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

## Police officer returns from Iowa prison

CHICAGO — A Chicago police officer hopes to return to his job with a new perspective after spending nearly a year in an Iowa prison.

At a Sunday welcome-home event in the police union hall, Mike Mette said he would take Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis up on an offer to return to the force. He may be the first Chicago officer to rejoin the ranks after being convicted and spending time in jail.

Mette was released from prison last week after an Iowa appeals court found another judge erred when she ruled Mette could have retreated from a fight three years ago in Dubuque. The appeals court ordered Mette, who said he acted in self-defense, to be acquitted of assault causing serious injury.

Weis, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine had called for Mette's release. Mette said he will meet with Weis this week.

"The support (has) been wonderful," Mette said. "They call it a brotherhood for a reason."

## Illinois reporter moonlights as novelist

EDWARDSVILLE — Elizabeth Donald is used to people making wisecracks when they find out she has published two books categorized as "vampire romance."

But the (Belleville) *News-Democrat* reporter by day, novelist by night has built a national fan base and has won awards with "Nocturnal Urges" and its sequel, "A More Perfect Union."

Donald recently invited the public to celebrate the release of her most recent book, "Abaddon," by attending a vampire-themed soiree at the historic Blum House in Collinsville. "Abaddon" is third in the "Nocturnal Urges" vampire-mystery series. The book won Donald her third Darrell Award from the Mid-South Science Fiction and Fantasy Association.

## STATE | WEATHER

## Marathon gets hit with heat again

## Chicago weather not as bad this year as last, but mid-80s temps send 76 to hospitals

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — For the second year in a row, Chicago Marathon runners on Sunday endured hot summerlike temperatures, but it wasn't as bad as last year when oppressive heat forced the cancellation of the race while some runners were still on the course.

"If it had been much warmer, it might have been too hot," said Seattle attorney Andy Sachs, 32, who finished the race in just under four hours when the temperature had climbed into the mid 80s.

Sachs didn't run the 2007 marathon that had to be canceled about four hours after the start because of

scorching, near-90 degree heat that had hundreds of runners collapsing or vomiting.

Chicago organizers took added precautions this year by increasing the number of water stations and medical tents and using a multicolored warning-flag system to let runners know if race conditions deteriorated.

About three hours into Sunday's race, organizers raised the alert level from yellow to red, warning runners of potentially dangerous conditions because of rising temperatures.

Race spokeswoman Marianne Caponi said a red warning flag let runners know to consider adjusting their pace, pay attention to their hydration and be aware of how their bodies were reacting to the rising temperatures.

"All in all, it's a good day," race director Carey Pinkowski said.

Runners were thankful this year for the extra water along the 26.2

## CHICAGO MARATHON BY THE NUMBERS

Evans Cheruiyot, of Kenya, won the marathon with a time of **2:06:25** on Sunday morning. Russia's Lidiya Grigoryeva won the women's race with a time of **2:27:17**.

There were **33,033** runners, with **\$100,000** going to the winners.

The starting temperature: **65**  
The ending temperature: **84**

Runners taken to area hospitals  
This year: **76**  
Last year: **184**

— The Associated Press

mile route that winds through dozens of city neighborhoods and past several landmarks.

"They definitely learned from last year," said Mark Glickman, 45, an attorney from the Chicago suburb of Northbrook.

About 12,000 fewer people ran the race than expected — 45,000 people registered but the field on race day was about 33,000.

Pinkowski said some people likely didn't show because of the warm weather.

"I would hope that some of our participants looked at the temperature and said, 'Hey, it's going to be a challenging day for me. Maybe I'm not prepared as well as I would have,'" he said.

Navy Lt. Brian Shearer, 44, said Sunday's heat could have doomed the race to be a repeat of last year if organizers hadn't been ready.

"It was very well run this year. They were very attentive to everybody. They gave us blankets, water, Gatorade — it was perfect," said Shearer.

## STATE | ELECTION 2008

## Campaigns bring up candidates' old pals

## Illinois men among those mentioned in McCain's accusations

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Scraping for any advantage in the presidential campaign's waning days, John McCain and Barack Obama are introducing voters to a new cast of characters.

Each candidate is trying to plant the idea that his opponent must be guilty of something if he has connections to unsavory men. Both candidates are guilty of stretching the facts.

A closer look at the relationships being mentioned in campaign videos, ads and e-mails:

## Ayers

Forty years ago, William Ayers was a founder of the Weather Underground, a group that claimed

responsibility for a series of bombings, including nonfatal explosions at the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol. He was a fugitive for years. But after Ayers surrendered in 1980, charges against him were dropped because of prosecutorial misconduct.

He became a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, working in education reform and advising Chicago Mayor Richard Daley.

In 1995, Ayers hosted a meet-the-candidate session at his home for Obama as he prepared to run for the state Senate. Later, the two worked with the same charity and social-service organizations in Chicago.

Obama has tried to minimize his link to Ayers, at one point saying he was just a guy who lived in the same neighborhood.

While there was more to the relationship than that, there is no evidence they were ever close friends or that Ayers advised Obama on policy. Obama has denounced Ayers' violent activities, which occurred when Obama was a child.

## Keating

Charles Keating was a real estate speculator and savings and loan owner. His institution failed, costing many investors their life savings and sticking taxpayers with a \$2.8 billion bailout cost. McCain received \$112,000 from him, his family and associates, and took trips to the Bahamas at Keating's expense. McCain took up Keating's cause with regulators who were investigating Keating.

Keating eventually went to prison, and McCain received a mild rebuke from the Senate ethics committee. McCain repaid \$112,000 to the U.S. Treasury and reimbursed Keating for the trips.

He later said attending two meetings with bank regulators on behalf of Keating was "the worst mistake of my life" and that it had made him more sensitive to the need for government reform.

## Rezko

Antoin "Tony" Rezko was a key

supporter and donor throughout Obama's political career. Obama estimates Rezko raised \$250,000 for his various campaigns, though not for his presidential bid.

## Davis

McCain's campaign manager had financial ties to mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac almost up to the time the government took them over last month and the nation's financial system went into a tailspin.

Meanwhile, McCain repeatedly has accused Obama of taking advice from former executives of Fannie and Freddie and failing to see that they were heading for a meltdown.

Davis or his lobbying firm have taken more than \$2 million directly or indirectly from the mortgage companies dating to 2000.

In 2005, the lobbying firm began getting \$15,000 a month from Freddie Mac, although sources told *The New York Times* the firm did little work for the money.

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## NATION | ECONOMY

# Liquidation unlikely as papers miss obligations

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Newspaper companies have been skipping loan payments, missing financial targets in debt agreements and accepting higher interest rates in exchange for more flexibility — and they're not even directly feeling the impact of the credit crisis yet.

But don't expect massive sales or closures of newspapers any time soon, even though at least four newspaper companies overburdened with debt have been forced to confront their lenders over the past few weeks.

With revenue at newspapers shrinking and few investors willing or able to buy them, lenders are loathe to force companies to liquidate assets that are plunging in value. They have few alternatives but to help newspapers stay on track with their payments and hang on until ad prospects improve — if they ever do.

"This is not a great time to, let's say, repossess the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* ... and then try to turn around and sell it," said Rick

Edmonds, media business analyst with the journalism think tank Poynter Institute.

The *Star Tribune* said Sept. 30 it skipped a \$9 million quarterly debt payment to conserve cash. The next day, the investor group that owns *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Philadelphia Daily News* skipped an unspecified interest payment in an apparent bid to force lenders to renegotiate.

The McClatchy Co., one of the largest U.S. newspaper chains and owner of *The Sacramento Bee* and *The Miami Herald* among other prominent papers, agreed last month to pay higher interest rates and put up more collateral.

Analysts believe McClatchy came close to a technical default under its old loan terms, which required maintaining certain a cash flow as a percentage of its debt level. The new agreement with lenders changes the formula to account for sustained reductions in revenue.

A smaller chain, Freedom Communications Inc., which owns *The Orange County Register* in Southern

California, said last Monday that it likely fell short of required financial thresholds as well and was in active talks with lenders.

The troubles all result from reduced cash flow caused by advertising revenue plummeting faster than anticipated this year at newspapers across the nation. Readers and ad dollars already were migrating to the Internet; the weakening economy further reduced ad sales.

Many loan agreements were reached back when papers and the economy were relatively healthy. Loan terms call for the two Philadelphia dailies to earn higher profit each year, for instance, something nearly impossible to achieve now.

Though papers ran into trouble well before the bank failures of recent weeks, the ongoing credit crisis is likely to make it harder for newspaper companies to refinance or change the terms of their loans, analysts say. And the crisis is bound to dampen consumer and advertising spending even further, putting even more news companies closer to default.

Tribune Co., for instance, reported \$12.5 billion in debt and has a \$593 million principal payment due next June. To raise money, the media conglomerate — which owns the *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, television stations and other papers — is trying to sell the Chicago Cubs baseball team and other sports properties. But the credit crunch may hurt bidders' ability to come up with an asking price estimated at more than \$1 billion.

Journal Register Co., with \$628 million in debt, also has been in talks with lenders. A forbearance agreement it reached with lenders in July expires Oct. 31, after which lenders could prompt a default for missing payments.

"It's possible that some newspaper companies are leveraged beyond the value of their assets," said Mike Simonton, a Fitch Ratings bond analyst who specializes in the media industry. "Some banks may need to restructure their debt and give these entities more time to pay off their obligations."

That is, many newspaper com-

panies may owe sums much greater than the value of their parts.

To a large extent, lenders are forced to make do, Simonton said, "given that the liquidation value of newspaper assets in this market is likely very low."

Newspaper companies' assets are primarily in buildings, equipment and delivery trucks, Simonton said, and lenders typically count on future cash flow in agreeing to let papers take on extensive debt.

The situation is allowed to continue because — despite the downturn in ad revenue — most papers remain profitable, just less profitable than they used to be. So lenders, for now, come out ahead in letting papers continue to operate.

"Are lenders going to have to relent in the current environment? To some degree, but not forever," said Chris Donnelly, a vice president at Standard and Poor's Leveraged Commentary and Data unit.

Ultimately, rather than break up or sell a company, investors might decide to forgive some debt in return a partial ownership, Donnelly said.

## WORLD | ECONOMY

## Bombers strike in Baghdad, killing more than 10 on Sunday

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Suicide car bombers struck twice Sunday in the northern city of Mosul, killing at least six people and wounding dozens of others, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. A car bomb killed seven other people in Baghdad.

Two Iraqi soldiers were killed by snipers in separate attacks Sunday in the capital's Yarmouk district, police said.

Also Sunday, the government announced new security measures to protect Christians in Mosul after a spate of attacks against them by Sunni religious extremists.

The series of attacks shows the ongoing security challenges facing Iraq as the U.S. shifts responsibility to this country's own soldiers and police following the sharp decline in violence since last year.

The first attack in Mosul occurred when a suicide car bomber attacked a U.S. patrol, the U.S. military said. There were no American casualties, but five Iraqis were killed, including three young boys, the U.S. said. The attack also killed the bomber.

Another suicide car bomber targeted Iraqi police in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad. Twenty-five people were wounded, the U.S. said.

In Baghdad, a parked car bomb exploded in a commercial street in the Bayaa district, killing seven people and wounding nine others, police said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information.

The southwestern Baghdad neighborhood was the scene of bitter Sunni-Shiite fighting until last year when the U.S. troop "surge," the Sunni revolt against al-Qaida and a cease-fire by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr brought down violence to its lowest level in four years.

"Several car bombings have occurred on this street but no measures were taken to prevent these events," one Bayaa resident, who gave only his nickname Abu Ibrahim, told *Associated Press Television News*. "Where is the government?

Where are the security officials to prevent such attacks?"

Attacks have been continuing in Mosul, Iraq's third largest city, despite months of U.S. and Iraqi security operations against al-Qaida and other Sunni extremist groups.

The governor of the province that includes Mosul, Duraid Mohammed Kashmoula, said Saturday that about 3,000 Christians have fled the city over the past week alone to escape threats and attacks by Sunni extremists.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Abdul Karim Khalaf said Sunday that the government was taking new measures to protect Mosul's Christians, including more police in their neighborhoods and more checkpoints and patrols near churches.

"Anyhow, there is a kind of exaggeration in describing the events in Mosul," Khalaf said. "We don't deny that hostile acts occurred, but we have the ability to stop such acts and the situation is under control."

In an interview Sunday with Al-Sharqiya television, Iraqi Cardinal Emmanuel III Dely condemned the killings that have occurred recently in Mosul "especially our sons the Christians."

"We the sons of Iraq, should be of one heart, one population and one homeland for the sake of the prosperity of our country," he said from Rome.

In Baghdad, Iraq's Sunni vice president, Tariq al-Hashemi, said the plight of Mosul Christians indicated "a real defect" in the security operation there and urged the government to take steps immediately to correct the problems.

He said Christians in the northern city "have the right to be protected from those criminals and murderers."

U.S. officials are concerned that violence may rise in the run-up to provincial elections, which are expected by the end of January. Voters will select ruling councils in most of the country's 18 provinces.

No date for the election has been set.

## NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Fire burns 750 acres near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Firefighters backed by water-dumping helicopters and planes gained ground Sunday on a wildfire that destroyed two homes and forced the evacuation of about 1,200 people in a rugged area 20 miles north of downtown. Los Angeles County Fire Department spokesman Ron Haralson said the blaze charred up to 750 acres and also burned a garage, several sheds and three motor homes. No one was seriously injured.

### President Bush, global finance ministers talk

WASHINGTON — President Bush and the world's financial leaders sought to display unity Saturday as a way to calm investors whose panic has spread despite bold and accelerating government action.

## WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### North Korea will disarm nuclear facilities

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Sunday it will resume dismantling its main nuclear facilities, hours after the United States removed the communist country from a list of states that sponsor terrorism.

The North's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that it will again allow U.S. and International Atomic Energy Agency inspections at Yongbyon to verify the disablement process.

### European leaders try to find common response

PARIS — European leaders meet Sunday in search of a common response to a spreading financial crisis that has ricocheted across the Atlantic to their shores and to try to preserve the bloc's unity. It could be a complex exercise for the 15 heads of state or government of the euro-zone, where the euro currency is used, because of the varied financial landscapes in each country.

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» Reeder

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The officials conferred for several minutes and despite Cobb emerging from the pile of Eastern and Tennessee Martin players with the ball, the officials ruled there was no fumble so the Skyhawks maintained possession.

Eastern red-shirt senior defensive end Pierre Walters was not on the field for the supposed fumble, but said he saw the play happen.

"I clearly saw the guy fumbled the ball, and we got it back," Walters said. "Shannon Cobb, on our team, got it back, and they didn't give us the ball. Plain and simple."

Tennessee Martin head coach Jason Simpson said if the Panthers had been awarded the fumble recovery it would have been a game-changing play.

"It wasn't very smart of us to run it out of the end zone," Simpson said about Bourne's kick return. "We're very fortunate there. It could have gone the other way."

Eastern had just one more possession following that play, but it ended when Reeder was intercepted by Tennessee Martin senior safety Dante Harrold after Graves

barely missed catching the ball.

"Reeder was very accurate," Simpson said. "All we needed was one turnover we thought."

Reeder completed 24-of-31 passes for 284 yards, three touchdowns and the late interception.

"I could have made the play," Graves said about the tipped pass turned interception. "Six inches the other way it would have been an incomplete pass and no interception."

Reeder also threw touchdown passes to red-shirt sophomore running back Chevon Walker (29 yards) and red-shirt freshman wide receiver Lorence Ricks (15 yards).

Reeder was rushed in the pocket on his touchdown pass to Walker but managed to get the pass off as he was hit. Walker had to wait under the ball to catch it, but made the grab and dragged a Tennessee Martin defender about five yards into the end zone.

"I really didn't see the ball in the air, but I hear he could have fair caught it, it was so high and ugly," Reeder said. "I'm glad he came back for it and saved me on it. That's a phenomenal play for him."

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» Richey

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Only one four-loss team – New Hampshire – made the 2007 Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. Eastern was one of five teams with three losses to make the playoffs last season.

The Wildcats were the fifth team to make the 2007 playoffs out of the Colonial Athletic Association, so even though New Hampshire lost four games, three of those losses were against playoff teams.

The CAA can get five teams in the playoffs. It is one of the deepest conferences in the FCS and perennially has at least one team ranked in the top 10. The CAA currently has three teams ranked in the top 10 in the FCS Coaches' poll and four in the top 11.

The OVC doesn't have the luxury of multiple playoff berths. At the current level of play, the OVC has hit its playoff ceiling with two berths, and that might not change soon.

OVC teams schedule the majority of their non-conference games against either FBS teams or Division II or NAIA teams.

The better strategy would be to schedule more games against teams from the top FCS conferences like the CAA, the Missouri Valley Football Conference and the Southern Conference.

But that's for future seasons. What does Eastern have to do now to secure a fourth-straight playoff berth?

Even with four losses, the expansion of the FCS schedule to 12 games might mean more four-loss teams making the playoffs, so that means Eastern still has a chance.

But three of the current top four teams in the OVC have to start losing.

The Panthers are a severe long shot to win the conference, but finishing second – like last year – could still get them a playoff spot. But to finish second, any combination of Tennessee State, Tennessee Martin, Jacksonville State and Eastern Kentucky have to start losing games.

Is that possible? With the parity of competition in the league, it is.

"There's not an easy win in the conference," Eastern red-shirt junior quarterback Bodie Reeder said.

Eastern red-shirt sophomore wide receiver Charles Graves agreed. He said the conference has a good balance with lots of competitive teams.

"We just can't come in and expect to win when these teams are ready to play just like tonight," Graves said following the Panthers' loss to Tennessee Martin on Thursday. "Obviously it's no pushover for us anymore."

The OVC is stronger and deeper across the board than it has ever been. But the league still hasn't reached the level where it can expect to get more than two playoff berths.

So through seven weeks this season, who is in line to get those 16 playoff berths?

Elon, Central Arkansas, James Madison and Tennessee State are all leading their respective conferences. Northern Arizona and Weber State are tied atop the Big Sky, and there is a four-way tie for first in the Missouri Valley so assume three of those teams will get a berth because of the strength of the league.

Hampton and South Carolina State are tied atop the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, but only one of those teams is likely to get a berth. There is also a four-way tie in the Patriot League, but again only one team is likely to get a playoff berth.

That leaves five more at-large berths.

Eastern will face competition for those remaining spots from teams like Wofford and Appalachian State from the Southern Conference and essentially any team from the CAA.

Can the Panthers make the playoffs this year? Yes.

Will the stars need to align and will several things need to go Eastern's way for that to happen? Again, yes.

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» Football

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"They hit us with those big reverse runs," Walters said. "I'm guilty of one also. I was trying to do too much. I think they ran a play action, and I flew up the field trying to get the quarterback and they hit one."

Walters said stopping reverse plays typically is not a play defensive ends make, but he had done

so previously. He said defensive ends have to be patient and stay toward the middle of the field on reverses.

Eastern red-shirt freshman linebacker Cory Leman said the Skyhawks' run game was what the Panthers expected, but he said Eastern's defense failed to make plays and did not make the tackles it needed to make.

Leman said the Panthers knew Tennessee Martin had the capability to break off a big play, but

that is not the primary thing Eastern's defense planned to stop.

"The thing is, when you've got an offense like Tennessee Martin who's high powered, you scheme to stop their base plays," Leman said. "Everybody is going to fit up the base plays, and our motto is we're going to rally to the trick plays. It's tough. It's pretty much just a hustle play."

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TEEN PUZZLEMAKER WEEK

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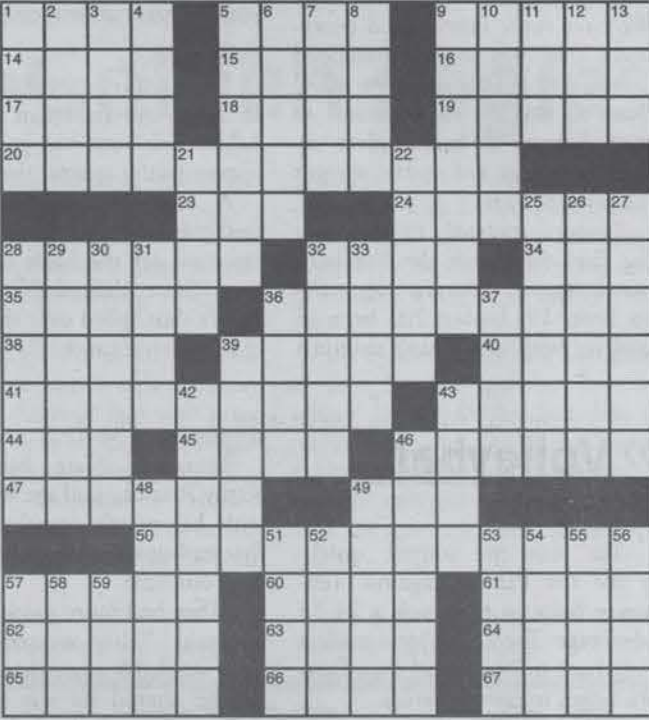
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  - 5 Guys' dates
  - 9 Frankie of the Four Seasons
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  - 18 Informal greeting
  - 19 Elbow
  - 20 Cranky street performer?
  - 23 Sup
  - 24 Name typed in to log on
  - 28 Act obsequiously
  - 32 Escapes, slangily
  - 34 Opposite of WSW
  - 35 Spaceship inhabitant
  - 36 U-boat
  - 38 Baltimore oriole: Maryland :: \_\_\_\_: Hawaii
  - 39 Tattered
  - 40 Popular plant "pet"
  - 41 Heaviest iron in a golfer's bag
  - 43 Puts a worm on, as a fishhook
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  - 45 Facetious cry of understanding
  - 46 Pass, as time
  - 47 Waste at a treatment plant
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  - 57 Urge
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  - 61 Et follower
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  - 63 Against
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- 10 Sky hue
- 11 English "Inc."
- 12 Chicken drumstick
- 13 Sno-cone base
- 21 Like many Las Vegas signs
- 22 "Person" in a crash test
- 25 Send a second time
- 26 Igloo inhabitants
- 27 Lower the value of, as currency
- 28 Dorothy's home in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 29 Olive oil component
- 30 Sift
- 31 Miffed, with "off"
- 32 "Unhand me!"
- 33 Spanish paintings
- 36 Moves aimlessly, with "about"
- 37 March Madness org.
- 39 Tailor again, as a skirt
- 42 Oregon Trail traveler, e.g.
- 43 Soviet \_\_\_\_
- 46 Panacea
- 48 Odor
- 49 Maryland or Hawaii
- 51 "Moby-Dick" captain
- 52 Zero
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- 55 Get higher
- 56 Horse food
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- 58 Dubble Bubble, e.g.
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## WOMEN'S SOCCER | WEEKEND RECAP

# Eastern snaps streak

Melinauskas scores lone goal in victory against Morehead State

## STAFF REPORT

Eastern's women's soccer team (1-12-1, 1-4 Ohio Valley Conference) snapped its 13-match winless streak with a 1-0 victory against Morehead State on Sunday afternoon at Lakeside Field.

Senior forward Pam Melinauskas scored for the second match in a row with what proved to be the game winner in the 60th minute against the Eagles (5-7-2, 2-1-2 OVC). Melinauskas also scored the Panthers' lone goal in their 2-1 loss against Eastern Kentucky on Friday.

Sophomore midfielder Kaitlin Sullivan assisted on Melinauskas' goal against Morehead State. Sullivan crossed the ball from the right flank into the 18-yard box, and Melinauskas beat Morehead State sophomore goalkeeper Lily Meisner inside the right post from 12 yards out.

Eastern sophomore goalkeeper Kaylin Lorbert made the biggest of her five saves soon after Melinauskas' goal. Lorbert dove to her right to grab a shot by Morehead State leading scorer freshman forward Jillian Birchmeier less than one minute after Eastern took the lead.

"After you score a goal, you can usually count on [the opposition] getting a good chance," Eastern head coach Tim Nowak said in an official release. "Kaylin was right there to take care of it. She was big today. I thought everybody played big and contributed. We have some injuries and everybody that was available stepped in and did exactly what we asked them to do. I'm really proud of them because we haven't given up once this year and today we got the reward for it."

Lorbert returned to goal for the first time since the Panthers' match against Western Kentucky on Sept. 19. Lorbert has been in goal for both of Eastern's shutouts



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Junior midfielder Alexis Miller jumps to hug senior midfielder Pam Melinauskas after she scored the game-winning goal against Morehead State Sunday afternoon at Lakeside Field. The Panthers won 1-0.

this season.

Sophomore midfielder Sarah Rusk and freshman midfielder Ashley Eck both had good scoring opportunities against the Eagles.

A long throw-in by Eastern freshman defender Erika Prazma caromed off the back of a Morehead State defender's head, but Rusk's shot sailed over the crossbar in the 69th minute.

Eck nearly scored in the 82nd minute after she stole a pass along the Morehead State backline and had a one-on-one against Meisner. Meisner rushed toward Eck, cut off her angle and managed to tip the ball away toward the left side-line.

Eastern returns to action for a 4 p.m. match against Tennessee Tech on Friday in Cookeville, Tenn.

## PANTHER BRIEFS

## Rugby blows out Colorado

Eastern's women's rugby team beat Colorado 86-0 on Sunday morning in Manhattan, Kan.

The match was played in Manhattan on Kansas State's campus because it was a neutral site between both schools. No other details were available at press time.

The Panthers (6-0) return to action at 11 a.m. Saturday against Kansas at Lakeside Rugby Field.

### Ponius snares conference honor

Eastern red-shirt senior wide receiver Quinten Ponius was named the Ohio Valley Conference Specialist of the Week following the Panthers' 29-26 loss to Tennessee Martin on Thursday night at Graham Stadium in Martin, Tenn.

Ponius returned two kicks that both set up Eastern scores. Ponius averaged 41.0 yards per kick return, returning one kick 44 yards and the other 38 yards. He is averaging 22.1 yards per kick return this season.

Eastern red-shirt sophomore wide receiver Charles Graves was nominated for OVC Newcomer of the Week but did not receive the honor. Graves, an Upper Iowa transfer, caught seven passes for 109 yards and one touchdown.

Eastern Kentucky sophomore wide receiver Shannon Davis, a Tulane transfer, caught five passes for a career-high 116 yards and was named the OVC Newcomer of the Week.

### Former Eastern athlete now Kankakee athletic director

Ted Peterson, who played for Eastern from 1977-83, was named the next athletic director at Kankakee Community College on Saturday.

His hiring is pending a vote of approval by the school's board of trustees tonight. If he is approved, he will start his new job in November.

Peterson was drafted in the

fourth round of the 1983 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers and spent his nine-year NFL career with the Steelers, Cleveland Browns and Indianapolis Colts. He won two Super Bowl rings with Pittsburgh in 1979 and 1980.

Peterson had been serving as a high school athletic director at Upper St. Clair High School in southern Pittsburgh for the past seven years. He has taught and coached in the public school system for 21 years.

### Milicevic makes it to semifinals in Louisville

Eastern senior men's tennis player Vuk Milicevic made it all the way to the "Flight B Singles" semifinals of the Louisville Invitational before losing on Saturday.

The Eastern men's tennis team competed at the Louisville Invitational this weekend at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center in Louisville, Ky.

Milicevic lost to Lander's Henrik Willers in the semifinals 6-3, 6-3. Milicevic defeated Morehead State's Bradley Bryan (7-6, 7-6), Louisville's Tim Barnoud (4-6, 6-0, 7-5) and Southern Illinois' Sebastian Rubiano (6-4, 5-7, 6-3) en route to his semifinal appearance.

Eastern freshman Brendan Pontow lost in the consolation quarterfinals of "Flight C Singles." Eastern sophomore Vance Davis also lost in the consolation quarterfinals of "Flight D Singles." Eastern senior Jordan Nestrud also in the consolation quarterfinals of "Flight A Singles."

Freshman Matyas Hilgert and Pontow made the "Flight C Doubles" quarterfinals before losing.

The Eastern men's tennis team will conclude the fall season at the ITA Regional Championships on Thursday until Oct. 21 in Columbus, Ohio.

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The first set started quickly for the Panthers against Tennessee State as they took a 24-18 advantage. The Lady Tigers made a comeback to 24-21, and then Eastern began to commit errors.

Seven of the Panthers' nine set errors occurred after the score was 24-21 with one on a set point. A hitting violation sealed the Tigers'

set victory at 34-32.

Tennessee State head coach Kathy Roulhac said she was pleased with her team's comeback in the first set but was disappointed in the final outcome.

"They had more passion," Roulhac said. "They wanted it more. They needed it more than us."

The second set was much like the first, but this time with a different ending.

The Panthers jumped to an 18-10 lead. Then senior middle hitter

Lauren Sopcie had two consecutive kills and a block to give Eastern a 23-16 lead.

"It was intensity — getting the job done," Sopcie said of her three points.

Sophomore outside hitter Kelsey Orr then had a powerful kill to wrap up the set 25-16. This snapped Eastern's consecutive set losing streak at 34, which was a program record.

Zwettler and Orr had double-doubles, as Zwettler tallied 23 kills

and 21 digs. Orr had 28 digs and 17 kills. Freshman setter Hannah Deterding had a match-high 55 assists.

In Friday's match against conference rival Austin Peay (14-6, 6-2 OVC), the Panthers fell in straight sets (25-18, 25-17, 25-19). Eastern led 10-9 in the second and third sets, but the Lady Governors pulled away for the win.

Orr notched seven kills, leading all Panthers. Austin Peay junior outside hitter Stephanie Champ-

ine and sophomore middle blocker Jessica Mollman each collected 11 kills.

The Lady Governors had an edge in hitting percentage (.257 to .144), passing (.44-30 assists) and digs (55-38). Eastern out-blocked Austin Peay six to three.

The Panthers return to action with a 7 p.m. match on Friday at Tennessee Martin.

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## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | WEEKEND RECAP

# Eastern splits weekend dual meets

## The Panthers gets solid performance from breaststroke group

By **SCOTT RICHEY**  
Sports Editor

Eastern's men's and women's swimming teams split their first two dual meets of the season with wins for both teams against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis on Friday and losses for both teams against Ball State on Saturday afternoon at Ray Padovan Pool.

The Panthers men's team won four individual events, but it wasn't enough as Ball State won the dual meet 157-116. The Eastern women's team won three events but lost to the Cardinals 170-112.

"This is our first outing," Ball State co-head coach Bob Thomas said. "We had a relay meet last Friday, which is a totally different environment than a dual meet. We live for dual meets and train for dual meets. I was able to see our freshmen for the first time compete under pressure and they did a nice job."

Thomas, a 1974 Eastern grad, was inducted into the Eastern Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

Eastern got its top performances against Ball State from its breaststroke group. Freshman Matt O'Hagan won the 100-yard breaststroke (1 minute, 0.11 seconds), sophomore Matt Scialtine beat the field by four seconds in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:13.34) and senior Sheila Dugan won the 200-yard breaststroke (2:31.67) after finishing third in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"Those times are really good for her at any point in the year let alone the first meet weekend," Eastern head coach

Matt Bos said about Dugan. "Her 100 time was good, but that 200 was a solid swim."

Bos said the breaststroke group is the strongest part of Eastern's men's team so far this season. He said O'Hagan, Scialtine and senior Brent Noble — who won the 200-yard individual medley against Ball State — train together and compete against each other during practice.

"Matt O'Hagan is stronger in the 100, and Matt Scialtine is stronger in the 200," Bos said. "Hopefully they'll push each other."

Bos said O'Hagan has good speed and started his freshman year with good times. But Bos said he thinks O'Hagan can be much faster as he continues to learn how to train to take himself to the next level.

"The second meet of the year, first weekend, he went a lifetime best time," Bos said about O'Hagan. "I think he's going to get better and better as the year goes."

Eastern's women's team won 10 events against IUPUI on Friday en route to a 170-126 victory, and the men's team beat the Jaguars 152-127 on the strength of eight event wins.

"Going back-to-back days doing this format gave pretty much gave everybody eight swims in less than 24 hours," Bos said about swimming every event in both dual meets. "Really, with the training we've been doing, I'm really happy. They should be broken down and tired at this point, but they're still swimming really fast."

Both Eastern teams return to action with a dual meet against Evansville at 2 p.m. on Oct. 25 in Evansville, Ind.

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Junior Laura Nilsen competes in the 100-yard backstroke during Saturday's meet against Ball State in the Ray Padovan Pool. Nilsen won the event with a time of 1:01.26.

## MEN'S SOCCER | EASTERN VS. ORAL ROBERTS

## Panthers return home to host Golden Eagles

### Team to play at Lakeside Field for first time since Sept. 20

By **DAN CUSACK**  
Assistant Sports Editor

It took Eastern's men's soccer team 104 minutes to beat Oral Roberts 1-0 last year in an overtime thriller early in the season.

This year the Panthers are looking to take care of the Golden Eagles in shorter fashion when Oral Roberts visits Lakeside Field for a match at 4 p.m. today.

"This is going to be a tough test," Eastern head coach Adam Howarth said. "They are a possession team. We are going to have our hands full, but if we work hard we should have a good result."

Eastern sophomore forward Alex Harrison said Oral Roberts is similar to the team the Panthers beat last season.

"This will be a big test, but we know what to expect," Harrison said. "They have a similar size as they had last year, but it will be a big home test."

Harrison assisted senior forward Brad Peters' game-winning overtime goal in the Panthers win last season. It

was the first assist of Harrison's career.

The match will be the Panthers' only Monday match of the season, and it comes just two days before Eastern begins Missouri Valley Conference play on Wednesday against Bradley.

"We were hoping before the season that we could play that game on Sunday, but the stars did not align," Howarth said. "We had to push it back to Monday, but our guys will be in good shape. The guys are used to playing Friday games then Sunday games."

Howarth said he will try to get as many of his players into the game

as possible, but the score will dictate how he is able to do that.

Harrison said the Panthers' bench is deep enough to keep Eastern competitive, while keeping everyone fresh.

The Golden Eagles have a balanced offensive attack as four players are tied for the team lead with three goals apiece and eight Oral Roberts players have scored at least one goal.

Senior forward Jordan Tatum leads the team in points with 12 as he has scored three goals and notched six assists.

Oral Roberts' goalkeepers have split time between the posts as junior

goalkeeper Irving Peralta has started five games with a 1.07 goals against average, while sophomore goalkeeper Andrew Techanchuk has started four games with a 2.33 goals against average.

The Golden Eagles have won three of their last four matches (one tie against Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne on Saturday), but Oral Roberts is 1-4-1 on the road so far this season.

Their only road victory came on Sept. 28 against Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark.

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### TRIPLE THREAT



Colt McCoy

Who's No. 1? No, this won't be a play on the same-named shown on ESPN Classic. Instead, it's a legitimate question about the state of college football and the national rankings that were jumbled after several ranked teams, including three in the top five of the Football Bowl Subdivision, lost this weekend. Louisiana State slid the most from No. 4 to No. 13, and Missouri slid from No. 3 to No. 11.

Here are three teams affected by another crazy weekend in college football.

**1. Texas** — Led by junior quarterback Colt McCoy (above), the now No. 1 Longhorns made a big leap upward following their 45-35 win against then No. 1 Oklahoma. The Red River Shootout — yes, shootout, not "rivalry" — also strengthened McCoy's Heisman Trophy candidacy as Missouri's Chase Daniel threw for 390 yards but gave away three picks to Oklahoma State.

**2. Oklahoma State** — This leads us to the Cowboys. Oklahoma State is now 6-0 and 2-0 in the Big 12 after knocking off the No. 3 Tigers 28-23 on Saturday in Columbia, Mo. The Cowboys were at No. 17 in the polls before their win and skyrocketed to No. 8.

**3. Alabama** — The No. 2 Crimson Tide didn't play this weekend, but their place in the polls were affected. In all reality, it should be Alabama at No. 1 and Texas at No. 2, as the Crimson Tide's body of work is better with wins against two ranked teams.

—Scott Richey



SCOTT RICHEY

## Looking at playoff prospects

MARTIN, Tenn. — Eastern's 29-26 loss to Tennessee Martin on Thursday might have sealed the Panthers' postseason fate.

That fate: miss the playoffs for the first time in three years. Eastern's record is now 2-4, and the Panthers are winless in the Ohio Valley Conference at 0-2. Even if Eastern wins its final six games — all in the OVC — the Panthers would finish the regular season with an 8-4 record.

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## VOLLEYBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

# Eastern wins first OVC match

**Panthers break 11-match losing streak in five-set match against Tennessee State**

By BOB BAJEK  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern volleyball team had only one goal since Sept. 6. That was winning a volleyball match.

On Saturday afternoon at Lantz Arena, that goal was accomplished, as the Panthers beat the Tennessee State in a five-set thriller (32-34, 25-16, 18-25, 25-16, 18-16).

"We all had the same goal today by focusing on high energy and the things we needed to get the win," Eastern sophomore outside hitter Alex Zwertler said.

With the win, Eastern (4-14, 1-7 Ohio Valley Conference) ended its 11-match losing streak — the third longest in program history. It was also the first time Eastern won a set since its 3-0 victory against Chicago State on Sept. 6.

Eastern was able to push the Lady Tigers (4-11, 3-4 OVC) into a decisive fifth set after winning the fourth set 25-16. Tennessee State then sprinted to a 12-8 advantage in which only 15 points are needed for the victory.

Eastern then outscored the Lady Tigers 8-4 to tie the fifth set at 16. Zwertler had a kill and Tennessee State freshman libero Terakka



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Sophomore outside hitter Alex Zwertler, right, celebrates with freshman setter Hannah Deterding during Saturday afternoon's victory against Tennessee State in Lantz Arena. Eastern won in five sets: 32-34, 25-16, 18-25, 25-16, 18-16. This is its first win since Sept. 6, a losing streak that spanned 11 matches.

Walker committed a lifting error to seal the Panthers' win at 18-16.

Eastern head coach Lori Bennett said her team's composure in the

fifth set was the difference in the victory.

"We just haven't had it," Bennett said. "When we face adversity from

the other team, we haven't pushed back until (Saturday)."

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## FOOTBALL | TENNESSEE MARTIN 29, EASTERN 26

# Skyhawks utilize ground in win

**Panthers drop second straight Ohio Valley Conference game**

By SCOTT RICHEY  
Sports Editor

MARTIN, Tenn. — Eastern had no answer for Tennessee Martin's rushing game.

The Skyhawks scored three times on the ground in the second half and held off a late Eastern charge to beat the Panthers 29-26 on Thursday night at Graham Stadium in Martin, Tenn.

Tennessee Martin red-shirt junior running back Brandyn Young rushed for 213 yards and four touchdowns on 28 carries — good for 7.6 yards per carry and one touchdown every seven times he touched the ball.

Young put the Skyhawks ahead early when he scored on a three-yard touchdown run with 9 minutes, 24 seconds left in the first quarter. Young's first touchdown was part of Tennessee Martin's 10-play, 60-yard drive that ate up 5:36 to start the game. Young scored on touchdown runs of 94, eight and 15 yards in the second half to bring the Skyhawks' back from a 16-7 half-time deficit.

"We just have to keep getting better fitting up and being where we need to be and make the play," Eastern red-shirt senior defensive



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Tennessee Martin's junior cornerback Markel Guy brings down Eastern's red-shirt freshman wide receiver Lorence Ricks during the 29-26 loss to UTM on Oct. 9 at Graham Stadium.

end Pierre Walters said. "Plain and simple. We've got to get better with trusting each other and trusting the guys next to us to make the play."

Young said he felt responsible for the Skyhawks' loss to Tennessee State on Oct. 4, and he said he felt he needed to bounce back, have a good performance and prove his value to the team.

"I thought they were pretty athletic linebackers," Young said of Eastern's defenders. "They just gave us lanes to run the ball in."

Tennessee Martin junior quarterback Cade Thompson said Eastern's Cover 2 defense kept his passing game in check but allowed the

Skyhawks to succeed with their run game.

"We expected them to come out in a couple different coverages," Thompson said. "They pretty much stayed in Cover 2 making it hard for us throw the ball."

Young wasn't the only Tennessee Martin player to cause trouble for the Panthers' defense. Red-shirt junior wide receiver Roren Thomas — who is fourth on the Skyhawks in rushing with 196 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries — rushed for 63 yards on two carries against the Panthers.

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## FOOTBALL | SPOTLIGHT

# Reeder sparks Panthers' offense

**Eastern quarterback throws for three touchdowns**

By SCOTT RICHEY  
Sports Editor

MARTIN, Tenn. — Eastern red-shirt junior quarterback Bodie Reeder connected with red-shirt sophomore wide receiver Charles Graves on a 58-yard touchdown pass with 8 minutes, 44 seconds remaining in the Panthers' game against Tennessee Martin on Thursday night.

"It might have been a broken coverage, but I had a linebacker on me and I ran what we call a run-off route," Graves said. "Bodie saw me and made a great read and made a great throw."

Graves' touchdown reception brought Eastern within three points of the Skyhawks, 29-26. On the ensuing kickoff it appeared Eastern got the ball back.

Red-shirt junior wide receiver Joel Evers seemed to have knocked the ball away from Tennessee Martin freshman running back Daryl Bourne, and Eastern junior linebacker Shannon Cobb recovered the ball.

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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Today at Illinois State Invite |  
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WOMEN'S SOCCER  
Friday at Tennessee Tech |  
4 p.m. — Cookeville, Tenn.